

"Yea"—H.R. 816—to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project (Representative PORTER—Natural Resources).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 88 on H.R. 1143, I am not recorded because I was absent due to flight delays returning to Washington. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 89 on H.R. 1311, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 90 on H.R. 816, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, had I been present today, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 88, "yea" on rollcall No. 89, and "yea" on rollcall No. 90.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 88, 89 and 90.

HONORING JUDITH HOPKINS

(Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Judith Hopkins, Social Security Administration level 1 district manager in Richmond, Virginia, who is retiring from Federal service after 33 years. A dedicated and selfless individual, Judy has devotedly served the public since 1975.

Judy's tenure with the Federal Government began as a Social Security claims representative trainee in Richmond, soon advancing to operations supervisor, operations officer, assistant district manager, and the position she retires from this month as district manager.

Judy's outstanding leadership, communication, and coalition-building skills were recognized by the agency as she was asked to serve on many regional and national Social Security workgroups. As the district manager of the Richmond complex, she was responsible for four offices and approximately 70 employees.

Constituents in the First District of Virginia greatly benefited from Judy's positive attitude and conscientious work ethic. My staff and my fellow Virginia colleagues' offices always received courteous and prompt attention from Judy whether the question was a simple issue or an intensive, complex case. The commitment to public service was always apparent in the way she

treated her co-workers, employees, and the citizens of Virginia.

I am thankful to Judy Hopkins for the assistance and attention she provided my constituents, and I would like to wish Judy all the best as she embarks on this new chapter in her life.

SUPPORTING H.R. 1922

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1922, the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007. As one of its cosponsors, I applaud my good friend, Representative TIM MAHONEY, for shepherding this bill through the House.

H.R. 1922 will establish the Jupiter Lighthouse and the surrounding 126 acres as an "outstanding natural area," only the second in the country and the only one east of the Mississippi.

The lighthouse area is well-deserving of this designation. It is home to a wide range of endangered species of flora and fauna, and it tells a rich story of Florida's history and pre-history.

The Jupiter Lighthouse is the epicenter for education, history, ecology, science, and recreation. This legislation will elevate this local and regional site to national prominence and help an important part of Florida's history become a valuable part of our shared American history.

FIGHTING CRIME

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday evening in my hometown of Memphis, Tennessee, there was a senseless killing of six individuals. Four adults and two children were shot and/or stabbed in the Binghampton community.

We have seen more and more and more urban crime in this country, and the response has not been sufficient from the Federal Government to help the locals with law enforcement funding. This House has passed a COPS bill that is still pending in the Senate and is opposed by the administration. We need to see that the COPS bill becomes law and we have an opportunity to help fund the policemen on our streets in our urban centers, and all over this country.

We also need to help the Second Chance programs to see that people don't resort to crime. Crime must stop, Mr. Speaker, and we must do our part.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO ZIMBABWE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-99)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message

from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions has not been resolved. These actions and policies pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue this national emergency and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication, stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2008.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 4, 2008.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TANKER SHOULD BE BUILT BY AMERICANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. TIAHRT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, we should all be deeply troubled by last week's decision by the Air Force to choose a French-built air refueling tanker.

The European Aeronautics Defense and Space Team, known as EADS, found a front American company, Northrup Grumman, to bid their foreign-built tanker. When the Air Force chose this French tanker, they chose to outsource our national security and to send American jobs overseas.